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Motion of solidarity with the Apostolic Administrator of East Timor Bishop Ximenes Belo:

1. The Participants of the East Timor Conference, held at Carleton University, Ottawa, on the 19th and 20th of October, 1989, express their solidarity with the Apostolic Administrator of East Timor, Bishop Ximenes Belo, in his efforts to draw international attention to the plight of his people.

2. The Conference fully endorses Bishop Belo's call for a referendum in East Timor in a letter addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

3. The Conference is deeply concerned at the reports of a campaign of intimidation against the Catholic Church in East Timor carried out by the Indonesian security forces in East Timor.

4. The conference expresses its solidarity with the East Timor peoples inalienable right to freely exercise a genuine act of self determination

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We the Participants of the Canadian Conference on East Timor (October 18-20, 1989) express our great concern over our government's accommodation of Indonesia's illegal annexation of East Timor and its indifferent response to the persistent reports of gross violations of the human rights of the East Timorese peoples.

Having noted that Canada has accepted legal obligations by virtue of its ratification of international human rights instruments, we urge the Government of Canada to reconsider its position on East Timor and to add its support to the international movement to secure for the people of East Timor their inalienable right to exercise freely a genuine act of self-determination.

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